Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy, and dry can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and their families; and,

Whereas, National surveys report that one in three mothers experiencing diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and,

Whereas, The average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and,

Whereas, Diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or Women, Infants, and Children vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and,

Whereas, A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and,

Whereas, The people of South Dakota recognize that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is proud to be home to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Sioux Falls and various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to poor families through various channels:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 28 – October 4, 2015, as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State